



NET METERING AND SOLAR TASK FORCE

Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities

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HOW MUCH NET METERING IN MA?

- Statute:
 - 4% cap on “private” projects
 - 5% cap on “public” projects
- Caps are based on the distribution company’s peak demand
- Caps can only be changed by the Legislature = firm cap
- Small solar PV net metering systems are exempt from the net metering caps



DISCLAIMER

- **Impossible** to know when caps will be reached.
- Many variables determine growth rates.
- Past growth rates are not predictive of future growth rates.
- **DO NOT RELY ON THESE**



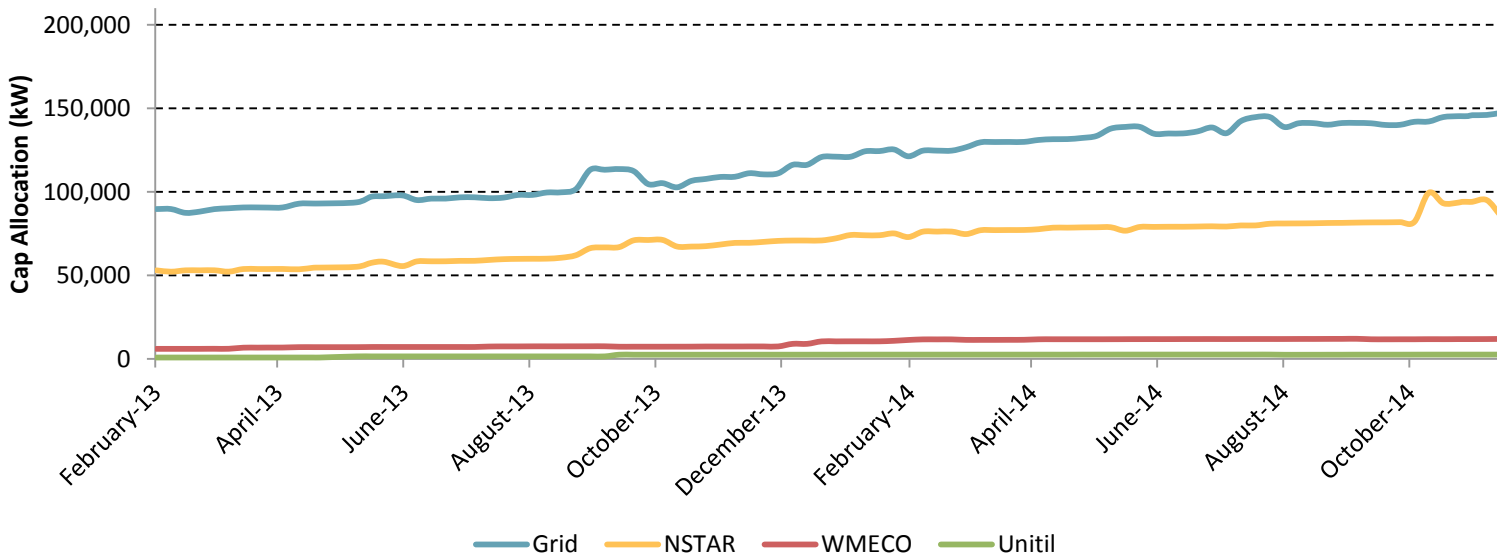
ASSUMPTIONS

- Linear Growth
- Growth Rate = to Growth Rate from February 27, 2013 through December 10, 2014
 - (i.e. not faster or slower)



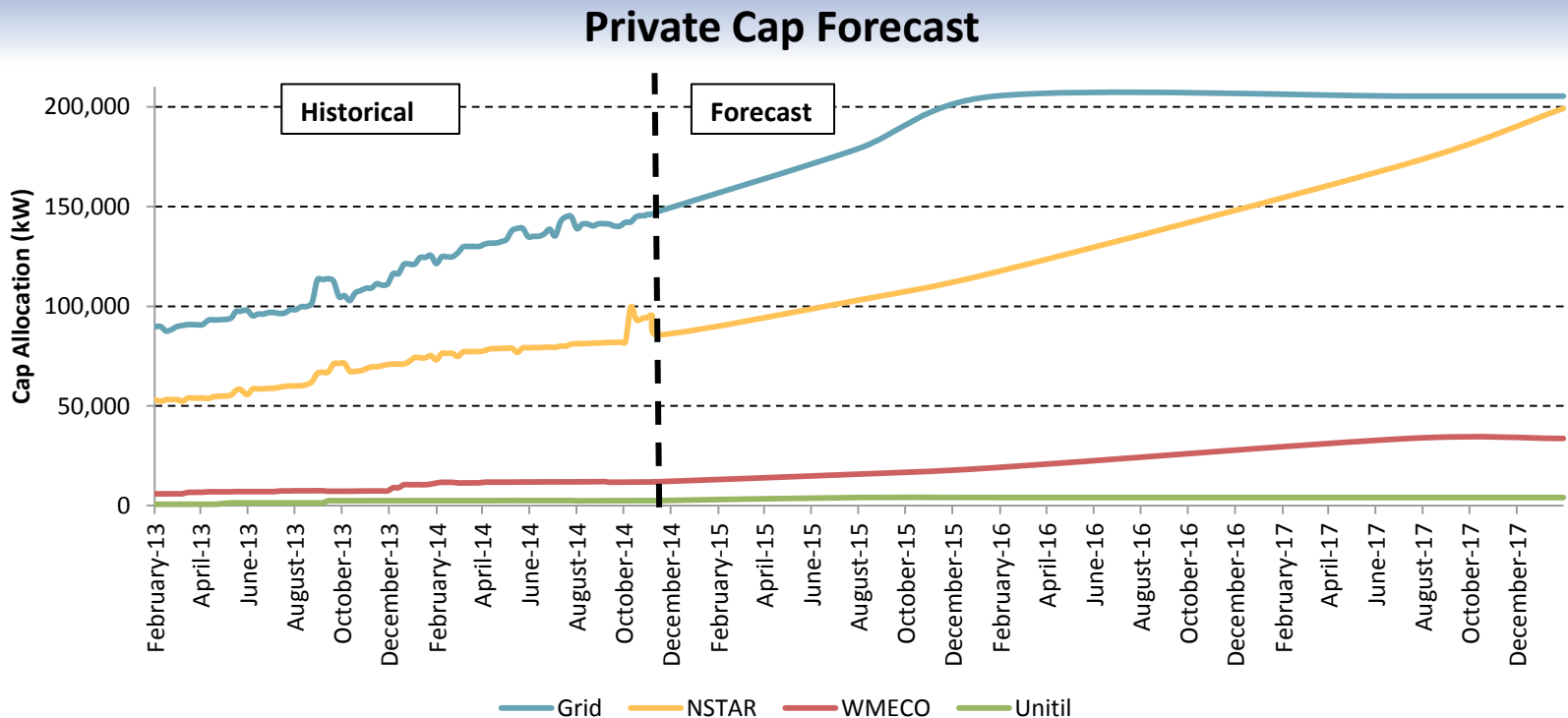
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Private Cap - Historical





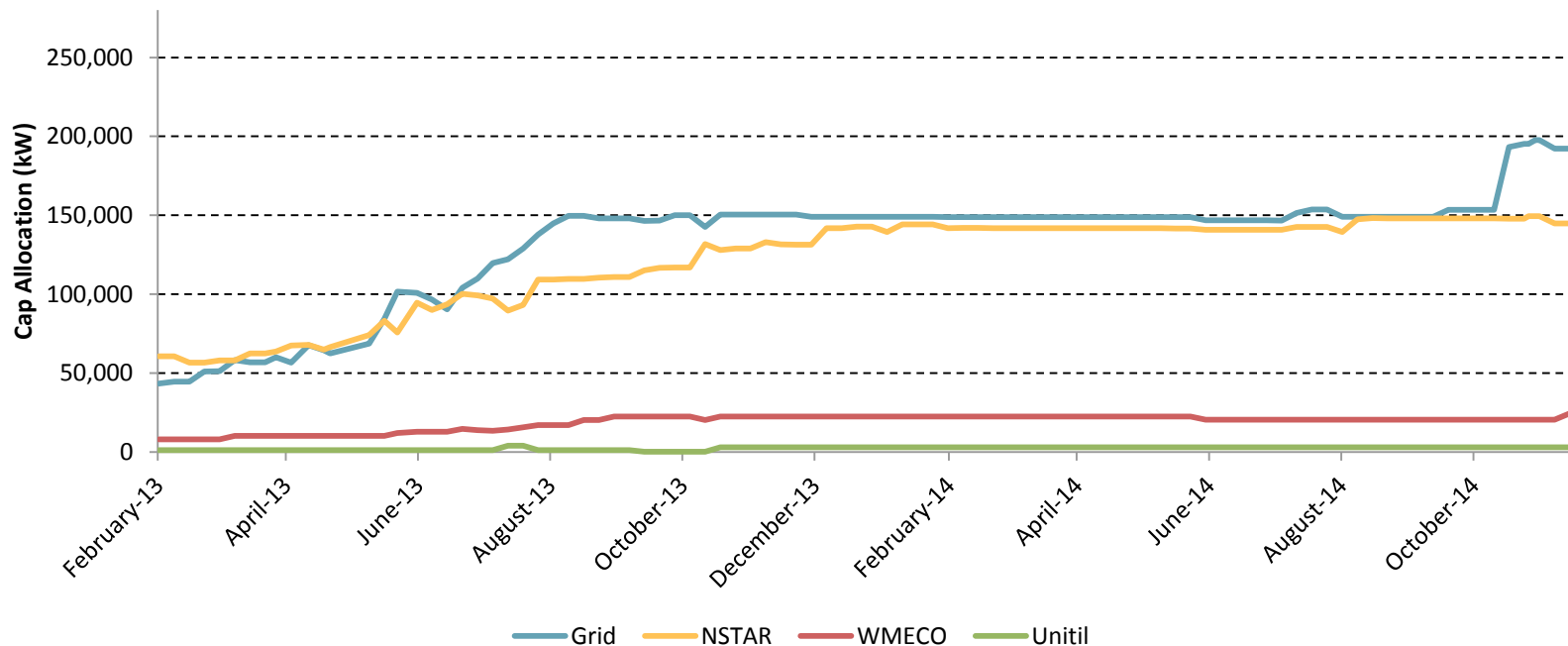
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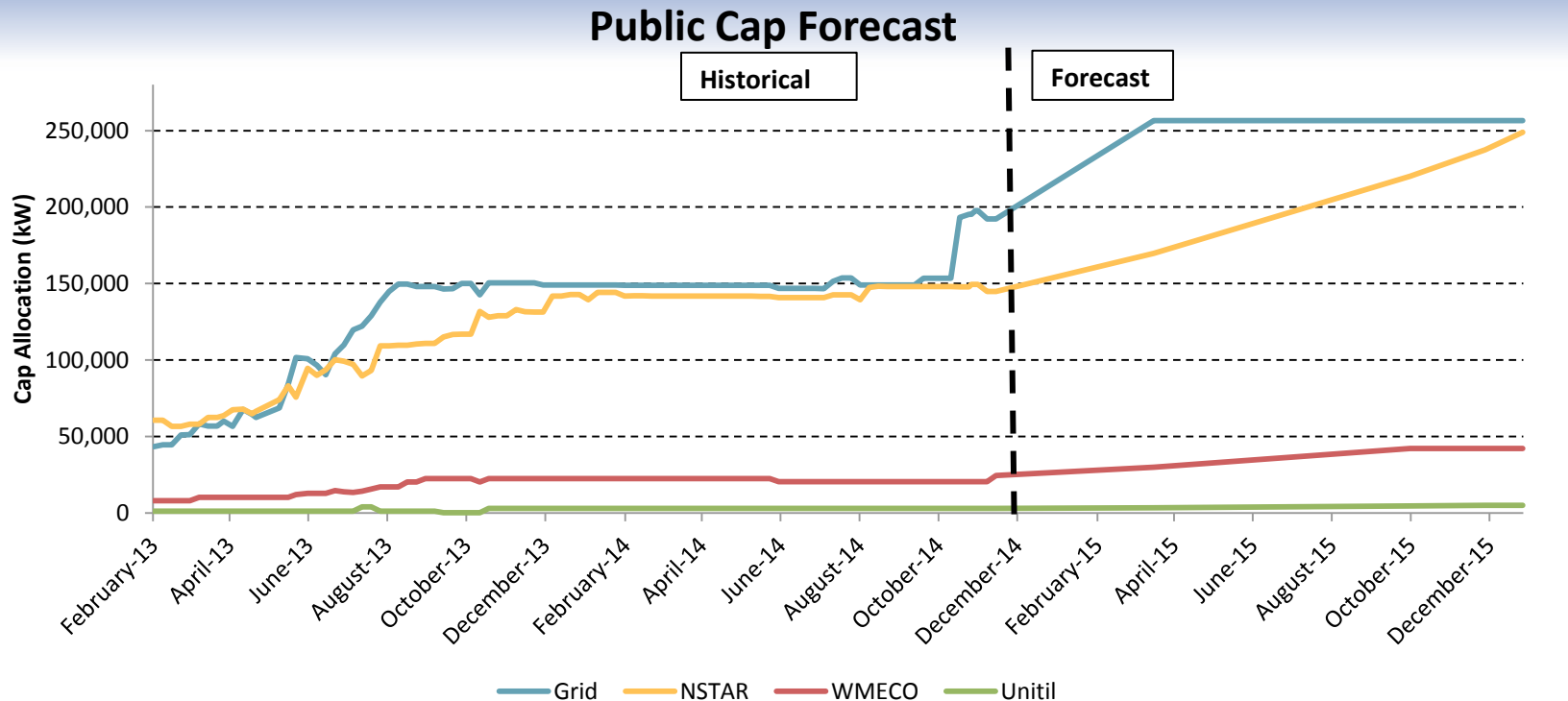
HISTORY: PUBLIC CAPS

Public Cap - Historical





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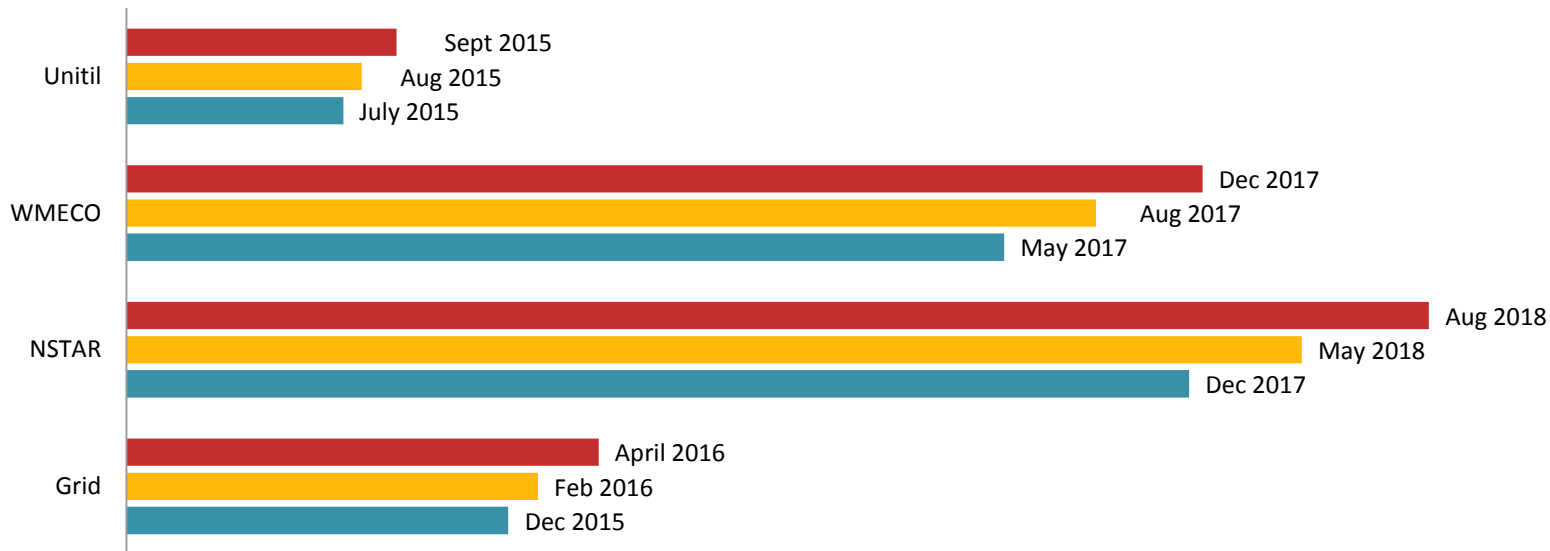




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Projected Date Reached

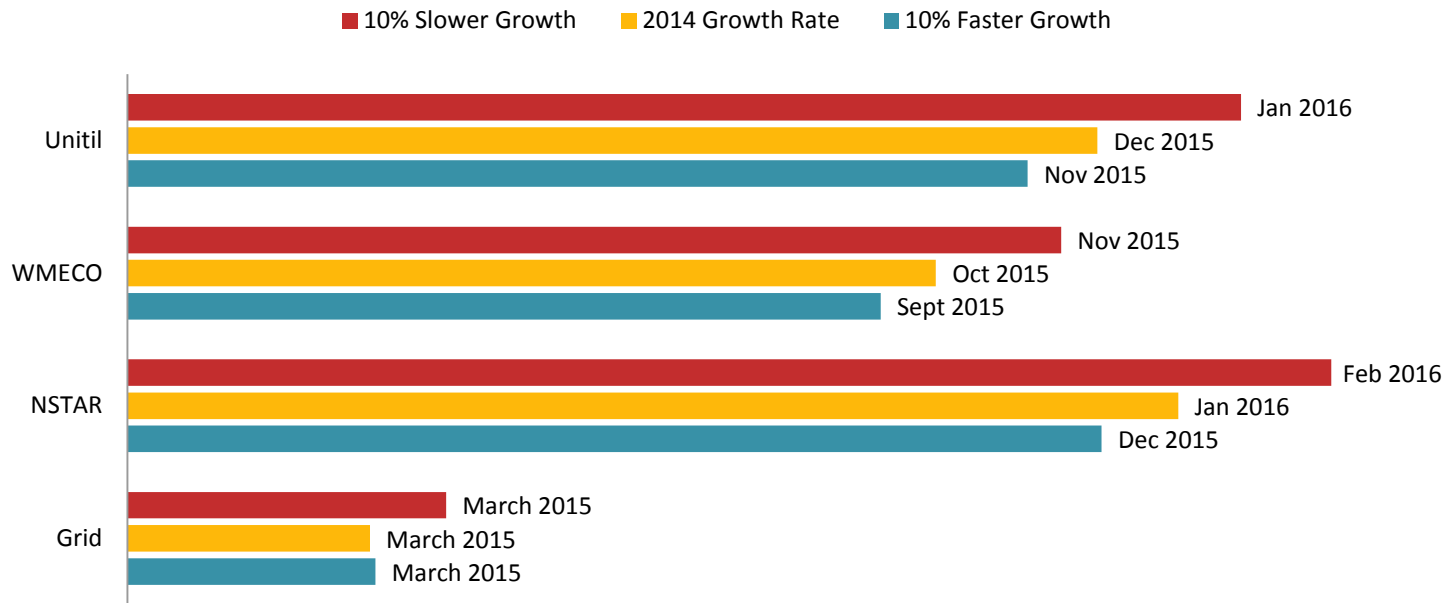
■ 10% Slower Growth ■ 2014 Growth Rate ■ 10% Faster Growth





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QUESTIONS?

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